26 To banish house of blasphemie,
Least crosses crosse vnluckely.
27 To stop mischance through policie,
For chancing too vnhappile.
28 To beare thy crosses patiently,
For worldly thinges are slippery.
29 To traine thy childe vp vertuously,
That vertue vice may qualifie.
30 To bridle wilde oates fantasy,
To spend thée nought vnthriftily.
31 To pray to God continually,
To aide thée against thine enimie.
32 To spend the Sabboth holily,
And helpe the poore in miserie.
33 To liue in conscience quietly,
And kéepe thy selfe from malady.
34 To ease thy sicknes spédily.
Ere helpe be past recouerie.
These be the steppes vnfeinedly,
To climbe to thrift by husbãdrie.

These steppes both reach,
and teach thee shall:
To come by thrift,
to shift withall.

FINIS.

3.50.c.50
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¶ *A breefe Catechiſme ſo* necessary and easie to be learned euen of the simple sort, that whoſoeuer *can not, or vvill not attaine to* the same, is not to be counted a good Christian, much lesse to be admitted to the Supper of the Lorde.

It standeth of three parts.

1. The first sheweth how miserable all men are of them selues.

2. The second, how happy they are that rightly beléeue in Christe.

3. The third, what duetyes they owe vnto God for his great mercy towards them in Christ Jesus.

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1.Peter.3.15.16.

Sanctifye the Lord God in your harts, and be ready always to giue an answer to euery man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you.

And that with meekenesse and reuerence, hauing a good conscience, that when they speake euill of you as of euil doers, they may be ashamed which blame your good conuersation in Christe.

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Question.

ARt not thou a seruaunt vnto the almighty God, and Lord of heauen and earth?

Answer.

I acknowledge my selfe for euer to be his seruaunt. Exod.20.2. Ios.24.15. 24. Rom.11.36

Question.

Hath God giuen forth any Lawes, whereby seruaunts, should be wel ruled & gouerned?

Aunswer.

The holy Scriptures are Gods lawes, wherin he declareth his will & pleasure, the generall some and effect whereof is breefely set foorthe vnto vs in the tenne Commaundements. Hebru.11.2 Luk.19.26 31. Deut.4.13

Question.

Rehearse the tenne Commaundements.

Aunswer.

i. God spake all these woords and said, I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt haue none other Gods but me. Exod.20.3. The first Table.

ii Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen image, nor the likenesse of anye thing that is in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneath, or in ỹ waters vnder the earth, thou shalt not bow down to them

nor worshyp them, for I the Lord am a
ielous God, and visite ẏ sinnes of the fa-
thers vpon the children, vnto the third &
fourth generatiõ of them ẏ hate me, and
shew mercy vnto thousand in thẽ ẏ loue
me, and kæpe my commaundements.
iii. Thou shalt not take the name of the
Lord thy God in vayne, for the Lorde
wyll not holde him guiltles, that taketh
his name in vaine.
iiii. Remember that thou kæpe holye
the Sabboth daye, sixe dayes shalt thou
labour and doe all that thou hast to doo:
but the seuenth day is the Saboth of the
Lord thy God, in it thou shalt do no ma-
ner of work, thou nor thy son, thy daugh
ter, thy man seruaũt, nor thy maide ser-
uant, thy catel nor the straunger that is
within thy gates: for in sixe dayes the
Lorde made Heauen and Earth, the sea
and all that in them is, and rested the se-
uenth day, wherefore the Lorde blessed
the seuenth day, and hollowed it.

The second Table.

v. Honour thy father and thy mother,
that thy dayes may be long in the lande
which the Lord thy God giueth thée.
vi. Thou shalt dõ no murder.
vii. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.
viii. Thou shalt not steale.

ix. Thou

ix. Thou ſhalt not beare falſe witneſſe againſt thy neighbour.

x. Thou ſhalt not couet thy neighbors houſe, thou ſhalt not couet thy neighbors wife, nor his ſeruaũt, nor his Oxe, nor his Aſſe, nor any thing that is his.

Queſtion.

Art thou able to keepe all theſe lawes.

Anſwer.

Euery man is guiltye of the breache hereof, not onely in reſpect of theyr originall or birthe ſinne, but alſo otherwiſe in thought word and deede.

Pſa.19.12.
Eccle.7.22
1.Iohn.1.8

Queſtion.

What is the daunger of breaking anye of theſe lawes of almightie God.

Anſwer.

The iuſt puniſhment of breaking any of God his lawes, yea if it were but once in all my life, it is loſſe of Gods fauour, the purchaſing of his heauy diſpleaſure which bringeth euerlaſting death, bothe of ſoule and body.

mat.5.19.22
Rom.6.23.
Gala.3.10.
Iam.2.10.

¶ The ſecond part.

Queſtion.

Howw ſhall you eſcape this great daunger, and feareful punishment of your ſinnes. Wil not your good deedes ſerue to make ſome a-

mẽds & so deliuer you frõ this punishment.

Aunswer.

Ephes.2.9. Act.4.12. Galat.2.21. My good déeds wil not helpe to saue me frõ this punishment, nor any thing els, but only Iesus Christ hath deliuerd me.

Question.

How *hath Iesus Christ saued and deliuered you frõ this great punishment of your sins?*

Aunswer.

1.Tim.3.10 Galat.3.13 Esai.53.5. Col.1.19.20 1.Pet.2.24. Rom.4.25. Joh.3.16.18 Galat.2.20. Iesus Christ hath deliuered me frõ ỹ punishement of my sin, because he being both God and man, hath suffered all the punishment which my sins deserued, & hath fulfilled the lawe of God perfectly for me, and thereby hath restored me for euer to the loue and fauour of God.

Question.

Are all then saued by this suffering and death of Christ?

Aunswer.

Joh.20.28. Only they are saued by Christ, who beleue ỹ he hath done all thinges touching saluation, not only for other but also euẽ for them selues, the effect of which faith is contained in the Creede.

1 a. Joh.14.1. Heb 11.3. Math.5.45 c Rom.8.12

2 b. Mat.1.21 Dan.9.24. 25. c. Act.4.27. Heb.1.9. Act.10.38.

Question.

Rehearse the Creede.

Aunswer.

I Beleeue 1.a in God the Father almighty

ghty maker of heauen and earth. And in
2. b Iesus c Christ his d onely son our e
Lord. Which was conceiued f by the
holy ghost, borne of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered g vnder Ponce Pilate, h was
crucified, dead and buried, i he discended
into hell the third daye hee rose againe
from the dead. He k ascended into hea-
uen. and l sitteth at the righte hande of
God the father Almighty. From thence
m shall he come to iudge both the quick
and the dead. I beleeue in 3. n the holy
ghost. The 4. o holy Catholicke church.
The Communion p of Saints. The q
forgiuenes of sinnes. The r resurrection
of the body. And the s lyfe euerlastyng
Amen.

Question.

By vvhat meanes haue vvee such a true faith?

Aunswer.

It is the gift of God.

Question.

Hovv dooth God vvorke this faith in vs?

Aunswer.

By the preaching of the word of God.

Question.

Is this faith fullie framed and made stronge in vs at the first, or in one houre?

Aunswer.

b. Io. 1. 14. 18.
e. Ma. 28. 18
1. Pe. 1. 18. 19.
f. mat. 1. 8. 20
g. Luk. 23. 24. 33. 46.
h. Mat. 27. 46.
Mat. 26. 37
Lu. 22. 44.
i. Mat. 20. 8 9.
1. Cor. 15. 4 12.
k. Act. 1. 9.
l. Act. 7. 55. 56.
Col. 3. 1.
m. 2. Cor. 3. 10. 3
n. mat. 28. 19
Act. 5. 3. 4.
1. Pet. 1. 2. 4
2. 1. Tim. 3. 15.
1. Cor. 14. 33
Mat. 28. 18 19.
p. 1. Cor. 12. 12.
q. Ro. 3. 24. 25.
r. 1. Cor. 15. 53. 45.
Iob. 19. 25. 26.
s. 2. Cor. 1. 3.
Luk. 16. 22.

Anſwer.

1.Cor.11.17 Gala.4.19. Ephe.4.11 12.13. 1.Theſſa.5. 19.20.

Fayth is increaſed by little and little, and made ſtronge in vs by the dilligent hearing of the worde of God, and by the vſe of his ſacraments.

Queſtion.

Howw many Sacraments be there?

Aunſwer.

Rom.4.11. 1.Co.10.2.3 Mat.21.25 Mat.28.19 Mat 26.2.6 Acts.2. 26.

There be two Sacraments, Baptiſme, and the Supper of the Lorde.

Queſtion.

What benefite haue you by Baptiſme, and to vvhat end ſerueth it?

Anſwer.

Act.22.16. 2.Pet.3.21 Colo.2.12. Rom.6.4.

By Baptiſme the holy Ghoſt aſſureth me that as my body is ſprinckled with water, ſo my ſoule, by the bloudſhedding of Chriſt, is ſprinckled and waſhed from all the guilt and punifhment of my ſin, and alſo hærby I profeſſe my ſelfe to die with Chriſt, as concerning ſinne, & liue in him as concerning righteouſnes.

Queſtion.

To vvhat end ſerueth the ſupper of the lord?

Anſwer.

Luk.22.19. 22.24. 1.Pet.10.16 1.Cor.11.23

In the ſupper of the Lorde, I am by the ſpirit of God aſſured, that as the breade broken, and the wine powred out be deliuered vnto me, euen ſo was the bodye

of

of Chriſte broken, & his bloud ſhed, as a full recompence to God for my ſinnes.

¶ The third part.

Queſtion.

For aſmuch then as God of his infinite loue, hath giuen his ovvne ſonne to raunſome vs from the power of ſinne, death & hel, to aduaunce vs to the honour of his children, & heyres of his kingdome: ſeeing it pleaſeth him to giue vs faith, and daily to nourish & encreaſe it in vs more and more, by his word *and ſacraments: by the* which *faith* we *lay hold vpon Chriſt, and make him* with *al his merites and treaſures our ovvne: ſo that novv not onely all our ſinnes are remooued from vs, but alſo his righteouſnes, holines, & perfection, is accounted ours before God: Do you not thinke that vve are very deepely bound vnto him?*

Anſwer.

Yes verely, I am ſo much boũd to god, ẏ al my life ought to be a cõtinual thãkful nes to his Maieſty, for his great mercy. Pſalm. 8. 5 Pſal. 116. 12 Rom. 12. 1.

Queſtion.

Is then this doctrine vvhich shevveth vs that vve are ſaued by Ieſus Chriſte onely, and not by our ovvne vvorkes, any occaſion of vvicked life, as the Papiſtes ſlaunder it?

Anſwer.

Aunſwer.

Ioſ.24.14. 18. Pſa.130.4. Rom.12.1. 1.Iohn.2.1 Rom.6.1. Titus.2.11. 12.

This doctrin is no occaſiõ of wicked life but the greateſt reſõ to perſwade mẽ to be diligent and zealous in good workes.

Queſtion.

Are there no other good deedes required of chriſtiãs, but giuing almes, viſiting the ſick, building of ſcholes, & houſes for the poore?

a.Mat.6.2. 1.Cor.13.3. b.Ex.20.3.4 Mat.22.36. c.Iob.13.36 d.Luke.10. 42. e.Theſ.5. 11.14. Heb.3.13. Cloſ.3.16. Iacob.5.20. f.1.Theſ.5. 16. Pſal.50.14 15. g.Iudg.20 Epheſ.6 10

An, (a) As theſe are good dẽds, & ſuch as highly pleaſe God, being don in ſuch maner as the word of God doth teach vs ỹ is, with a true faith in Chriſt & pure loue toward our Brethren, (b) So are there many other much more excellent then theſe, as the pure worſhipping of God both with ſoule and body: (c) truſting & depending of his good prouidence both in proſperity & aduerſity: (d) hering of his holy word: (e) exhortations and admonitions one to another, eſpecially to ſuch as we haue ſpeciall charge ouer: (f) praying God for all his mercies and continuall benefits poured vpon vs: and laſte of all, (g) faithfull prayers for all ſuch things as we ſtand in nẽde of.

Queſtion.

To vvhom ought we to make our praiers?

Pſal.50.15 Acts.4.24.

An. We muſt pray to our louing and almighty God alone, and to none but him.

Queſtion.

Qu. *VVhat thinges ought vve to praie for?*

Aunſwer.

We muſt pray, not onely for all thinges nedfull for our ſelues and the Churche of God, but eſpecially for thoſe thinges which appertaine to the ſetting forth of the glory of God, euen as we are taught in the Lords prayer. Acts.4.29. Eph.6.18. 19

Qu. *Rehearſe the Lords praier.*

Aunſwer.

OVr Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdome come. Thy will be don in earth, as it is in Heauen. Giue vs this day our dayly bread. And forgiue vs our treſpaſſes as we forgiue them that treſpaſſe againſt vs. And lead vs not into temptatiõ. But deliuer vs from euill. For thine is the kingdome the power and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen. Math.6.9.

Qu. *Hovv may we be aſſured that God wil heare vs, ſeeing vve are ſinners?*

Aunſwer.

Becauſe we offer vp our praiers, not in our owne name, nor in the name of any creature, but of the ſonne of God our Sauiour, who is alwayes in the preſence of God, to entreate his Maieſtie for vs, his poore ſeruaunts. Joh.16.23 1.Joh.2.1 1.Pet.2.5.

Certaine

Certaine neceſſarie inſtructions meete to be taught the younger ſort, before *they come to be partakers of the* holy Communion.

Qu. What do you come to receiue?

An. I come to receiue the Lords ſupper.

Qu. What is the Lordes Supper?

An. The Lords ſupper is a ſacramēt ordeined of the Lord Ieſus Chriſt, to ſhew forth in moſt liuely and euidēt manner, his painfull ſuffering of death for vs, by the outward ſignes of bread and wine.

Qu. Wherefore comeſt thou to receiue the Lords Supper?

An. I come to receiu it for theſe 4. cauſes

1. Firſt, to ſhewe my obedience to my Lorde Ieſus Chriſte, who hath ſo commaunded me.

2. Secondly, that my inward man might be nouriſhed and ſtrengthened by that heauēly foode of Chriſts body & blood receiued by faith, as my body is nouriſhed by corruptible bread and wine.

3. Thirdly, to make open profeſſion of my faith in Chriſt, and loue tovvard my neighboures.

4. Laſtly, that by the reuerend miniſtration and ioyfull ſhewing foorth of this holy miſterie, my minde, & all the parts of

of my ſoule, might effectually be ſtirred vp through the inwarde woorking of the holy ſpirit to a more earneſt loue of my God and vnfeined thankfulneſſe to his Maieſtie, freely giuen mee in his ſonne Ieſus Chriſt.

Qu. After what ſort ought you to come to this holy miſtery of the lords ſupper?

An. Three things are cheefly required of thoſe that come to this heauenlye banket of the Lords ſupper.

The one is a ſorrowfull feeling and a harty lothing of all my ſinne, that is to ſay of all that I haue conceiued in my hart vttered with my tongue, or committed by outward deedes contrarie to the woorde of God.

The ſecond is a true faithe in Chriſt, which bringeth with it a comfortable and ioyful feeling of the infinite mercy and euerlaſting looue of God towarde me in Chriſt.

The laſt is a carefull earneſt and conſtant endeuor to pleaſe God in al things according to the rule of his woord, and ſo to behaue my ſelfe before him all the dayes of my life as I may beſt profite others, and moſt ſet foorth his glory in that calling wherein he hath placed me.

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¶ *A forme of prayer to be vſed in* Chriſtian famelies.

WE thank thee (O Lord God and moſt mercifull father) for all thy louing kindnes and vnſpeakeable goodnes ſo aboundantly declared tovvard vs, in preſeruing vs this daye paſt & all our life hetherto, in turning avvay from vs innumerable plagues vvhich vvee moſt iuſtly haue deſerued, in giuing vnto vs all māer of bleſſings & cōforts pertaining vnto this life, & the life to come, and namely vve praiſe & thanke thy maieſtie for creating vs according to thine one image, for ſauing vs from our ſinnes & thy wrath by the merits of thy ſonne Ieſus Chriſt, for calling vs vnto the knovvledge of this thy infinite loue tovvard vs, by the preaching of thy vvord and vvork of thy ſpirit, for ayding and comforting vs ſo fatherlye at all tymes, in all places, & againſt all our enemies vvhich haue ſought by all meanes to turne vs from the earneſt loue of thy goſpell and obedience of thy commaundemēts. We confeſſe (O Lord) from the bottome of our hartes, that vve are vtterly vnworthy of the leaſt of theſe thy mercies, that there is nothing to be found in vs, to moouc thy maieſty thus boūtifully to deale with vs, yea that our manifold ſins and corruptions of our nature yet remaining in vs, haue deſerud the cōtrary. To thee therfore (O father) vve rēder al thanks, al praiſe & glory, for theſe thy benefits beſtovved vpon vs & the reſt of our brethren. And vvc moſt humbly beſech thee, to pardon al our coldnes, vnthākful nes vvith al the reſt of our ſins, and to ſtrike our ſtony harts yet more deepely vvith the force of thy ſpirit & edg of thy vvord faithfully preached that we may more earneſtly repent for our former

mer iniquities, loathing and abhoring all sin in our selues and others, because it is so foule and odious in thine eyes. And we also most humbly craue at thy hands, more and more to roote out of our harts our owne natural corruptiõs of infidelity, selfe loue, pride, enuie, vaine glory, maliciousnes & all hipocrisy, & to renew in vs daily all thy graces and fruites of thy spirit, in that thou in thy wisedome seest to be needful for vs, for the better setting forth of thy glory, & more fruitefull seruice to our brethren, in those callings wherein thou haste placed euery one of vs. Let thy feare (O deare father) be alwaies so clearly before our eyes, & the most comfortable feeling of thy aboundant loue toward vs in Christ, so strongly preuaile in our harts, that we neuer presume to offend thy maiesty by wilfull breaking of thy lawes, but be found alwaies cherful, dilligent & zealous in all good woorks which thou hast enioined, & commended vnto vs in thy holy word, Let vs not (O Lord) be like the rude & ignoraunt multitude, who because they haue not knowne thy word, nor effectually tasted of thy loue in heauenly things, are caried with the rage of their owne carnall lusts & worldly desires, to al filthines of Idolatry, vncleanesse of life, couetous, deceiptfull, & vnrighteous dealing for their owne gaine: But as thou in mercy hast called vs from our selues & out of this vaine world to serue thy Maiesty, to be called and to be indeede thy chyldren, heires of an immortall inheritance, temples of thy spirit & liuely mẽbers, of thy sonne our sauiour: so graunt that our cõuersatiõ, behauiour, & vvhol life may answer to this high calling and glory of our profession, a bounding in all spiritual knowledge, in feruency

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of true zeale in deteſtation of all ſinne, in careful-
nes to pleaſe thee in all things, ioye of the ſpirit,
in peace of conſcience, in all Charitable iuſt and
kinde dealing toward all men for thy ſake. And
becauſe all our labors in our callings are in vain,
without thy meruelous bleſsing, voutchſafe to be
alwayes preſent vvith vs, not onely ſhevving vs
by the light of thy vvoord vvhat vve ſhould doo,
but alſo bleſsing and proſpering vs by the povv-
er of thy ſhielde in all that vve take in hand, in
ſuch ſort as ſoome vvoorthy fruite may riſe ther-
of to the comfort of our ovvne conſcience, the
benefite of our brethren, and the praiſe of thy
holy name through Ieſus Chriſte our Lord. Giue
vs thy vviſedome from aboue, vvhereby vve may
vſe the things of this vvorld, as though vve vſed
them not, trauailing faythfully in our calling, but
yet depending of thy prouidence, looking for all
good ſucceſſe at thy handes, referring all to thy
glory, continually, vvaiting for the comming of
our Lord and ſauiour Chriſt Ieſus in vvhoſe
name vve pray not onely for our
ſelues. &c.

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BRIEFE PRINciples of religion, for the exercise of youth:

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DEmaund. How wast thou created?

The first parte pronounceth our condemnation.

Answere. By the hand of God.

De. What is God?

An. He is almightie, creator of all things, incomprehensible, invisible, eternal, preserver and gouernour of heauen and earth. &c.

De. Why did he create thee?

An. To serue him.

De. What seruice requireth hee of thee?

An. Obedience to his lawes.

De. Which are they?

An. God spake all these wordes:

1 Thou shalt haue none other Gods but me. Exod. 21. 18. the 18.

2 Thou shalt not make to thy self any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in heauē aboue,